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OFFICE STATE PENITENTIARY,
RALEIGH, N. C., November 21st, 1872.*To the General Assembly of North Carolina:*

GENTLEMEN:—On the 13th inst., the annual report of the Board of Directors of the State Penitentiary was delivered to the Governor's Private Secretary by the Steward of this Institution.

On the 14th inst., the Governor's Private Secretary, Mr. Neathery, returned to me this report, with a verbal message from his Excellency, "that the report was not properly addressed; that it was not accompanied with a note transmitting it to him, and that he objected to the subject matter of the report and did not consider it respectful to him," but in what particulars, his Private Secretary was unable to explain.

On the 16th inst., the report was again sent to the Governor, and delivered to him with a note, a copy of which accompanies this communication.

On Monday, the 18th inst.; the Governor's Private Secretary returned to me the report, with the enclosed note from the Governor. These notes explain the views of the respective parties.

In the Governor's note, dated November 16, and delivered to me on the 18th inst., he admits that he had twice received,